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In re Patent Application of

Anders ONSHAGE et. al.

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For: A METHOD OF RECORDING
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2003, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration in view of the remarks presented herein below.

In paragraph 2, the Examiner rejects claims 1-3 and 5-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,529,602 to Walker et al. ("Walker") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,826,235 to Harman ("Harman"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Walker discloses a method and apparatus for secure storage of audio signals. The Background section of Walker discusses the deficiencies of conventional techniques for recording conversations. Specifically, this section of Walker describes that telephone answering machines and tape recorders can have their recorded contents easily deleted or altered, and time stamps of these recordings can be altered. In view of these deficiencies, Walker discloses the use of an audio vault